

I think that this is preposterous. We pay for the access to digital tv in order to view these movies and shows. If we are going to miss a movie that we want to see we should have the right to record it as long as the recording is not used improperly (sold or otherwise distributed). Why else were VCR's and DVD burners invented if not to keep one from missing movies and shows by allowing one to record them. I think that this whole copyright protection thing is getting out of hand, and it all started with the file sharing war. I mean come on people let's sue a little girl that didn't even have a clue that downloading her favorite song off the internet was illegal. She was just trying to get a copy of her favorite song and her parents wouldn't give her the money to buy it. Things like that wouldn't even happen if the distributors of the entertainment industry would make their prices more reasonable. \$17.99 is a little too much to pay for a CD or DVD that only cost .99 cents to make. They say well that is the cost of the plastic but what about our equipment and employees. As far as the equipment goes I say that is a fallacy that equipment has been paid for. The employees have to be paid yes but the prices that they are charging for these things is still way too much. What they are charging covers the cost of production, distribution, employee pay, and so much more. Of course people are going to bootleg when they are being charged unfair prices but that doesn't mean that the bootleggers are selling the bootlegs and causing the companies to lose money. That is also a fallacy. Most people that bootleg do it because they can't afford to buy the product. They are not doing it because they just don't want to pay or are trying to make money. Therefore the companies are really not losing any money because these people were never going to be customers to begin with. Just like that little girl that they are trying to sue. She didn't have the money to buy the CD so how can a company lose money if she wasn't going to spend money to begin with. It is all bad business. I can understand a reasonable hike in price to make a profit but not as much as these people are making. I say no way to all of it the general public has been punished enough. Don't take away anymore of our freedom or we might bite back like a cornered rat. The general public doesn't care about whether or not the cable company stays in business. If they take away our right to record the movies that we are going to miss then I personally will boycott all cable providers and start a movement to boycott cable nationwide via the internet and mailers.